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Trustee complaint results in clarified hiring policy

ROSSVILLE—Complaints from a village trustee resulted in policy changes at Monday's village board meeting.

Trustee William Galloway criticized the hiring of a part time person to assist deputy clerk Denise Matthews.

Matthews has handled daily operations since village collector Kathy Roark was suspended without pay pending a police investigation and court proceedings.

Mayor Merv Smith used Opportunity Specialists Inc., a temporary hiring firm in Danville, to fill the part time position, but Galloway disagreed with giving Smith the power to do so.

Galloway insisted that hiring an additional person was not discussed at the May 1 meeting when Roark was suspended and that personnel should come from within the village.

However, village attorney Steve Miller of Danville

said he thought the board was in agreement on the hiring. "I'm shocked to find there's someone who doesn't agree with it," Miller said. "It was clearly announced."

Trustees, in a 5-1 vote, approved giving the mayor authority to hire a person for up to 90 days. Trustees would vote on the hiring at the end of that period.

Galloway voted against the change.

In other action, trustees approved 5-1 a \$68,000 Motor Fuel Tax amendment for street repairs, maintenance and installing handicapped ramps along Chicago Street.

Between \$32,000 and \$37,000 of village funds are earmarked for the 26 ramps. The Illinois Department of Transportation is expected to pay half the cost.

The work is expected to be done this summer, if the state approves it, said Richard Kiser, street/alley committee chairman.

Hoopeston postal worker named postmaster in Wellington

WELLINGTON—A long-time employee of the Hoopeston post office is now canceling mail in Wellington.

Tom Kasallis took over postmaster duties in Wellington last Friday.

"I'm real excited," said Kasallis, who has more than 10 years with the postal service.

His new duties include everything that makes a post office work. "I make sure the mail comes in and the mail goes out," he said. "I even do janitorial duties."

Kasallis is the first postmaster at the office in 14 months. Randee Carter, Armstrong post mistress, had been officer in charge at the office from March 1996 until Friday.

Seventeen people applied for the position, Kasallis

said. Of those, five were interviewed before he was awarded the job.

The new postmaster is getting a helping hand from Joanne Butzow, postmaster relief person, who has been at the Wellington post office for eight years. "She's my right-hand person," Kasallis said. "She knows it all."

The office also has a rural carrier, Rick Stacey, who also works as a rural carrier in the Hoopeston office.

Kasallis wanted the job because "I felt like I'd gone about as far as I could in Hoopeston and I was ready for the next step," he said.

Kasallis plans on being at the office for a while. Although Kasallis does not have to move to Wellington, to be a postmaster at a larger office

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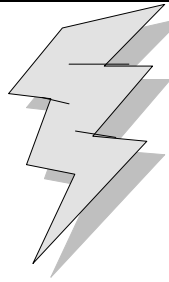
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Hoopeston Area High School lists 1997 scholarship, award recipients from Awards Night

Winners at Monday's Hoopeston Area High School Awards Night were:

"I Dare You," Jennifer Knapp, Cole Zemke; Bob Betka Memorial Award, Kyle Kennett, Matthew Smiley (\$100 each); Pillsbury Scholarship, Melissa Carlson, Seth Unger (\$1,000 each); TRW Scholarship, T.J. Morris, \$500; Student Council Scholarship, Katie Ryder (\$1,000); American Legion Good Citizenship, Katie Ryder, T.J. Morris; Salutatorian, Kyle Anderson, Megan Bowers;

Valedictorian, Kyle Kennett, Matthew Smiley; Georgetown Fair Association Outstanding Young Citizens, Megan Bowers, Todd Warf.

Also, Reynolds-Barwick Scholarship, Tara Cunningham, (\$6,000); DAR Good Citizen, Marissa Bushue; SAR Good Citizen, Seth Unger; Kiwanis Student Recognition, Nathan Seymour, Brian Manion, Sumer Vandenberg, Bryan Langdoc, Katherine Ryder, Krissy Palomo, Michael Borders, Tina Laird, Brian DeNeal, Tara Crozier, Jacquelyn

Miller; Illinois State Scholars, Kyle Kennett, Betsy Norris, Matthew Smiley, Sumer Vandenberg; Rotary Academic Achievement, Kyle Kennett, Matthew Smiley, Megan Bowers, Kyle Anderson, Seth Unger, Tara Cunningham, Betsy Norris, Amy Catron, Mychelle Coon, Marissa Bushue, Melissa Carlson.

And, Senior Science, Nathan Seymour; W.Y.S.E. Academic Challenge Team, Kyle Anderson, Megan Bowers, Nathan Seymour, Erica Rudin, Kristin Dillman, Cole Zemke, Tara Cunningham, Brandon Bertsch, Matthew Smiley,



Police News



Tracy Brown, 409 E. Maple, reported Saturday that her son's Ridge bicycle was taken from 500 S. Fourth St. The bicycle was found Monday at Maple School and was returned.

Tonya L. Irvin, 20, of 503 W. Young, was

arrested at 9:50 a.m. Monday, charged with aggravated battery.

Police said Irvin hit Lisa Smith, of 619 W. Elm, with her fist and a beer bottle at 7:27 p.m. Friday.

Irvin was taken to the Public Safety Building,

Obituaries

KINSER - Eunice M. Kinser, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Community Nursing Home.

KIRTS - Fern Kirts, 89, of Hoopeston, died at 10:25 a.m. Monday, May 19, 1997, at Hoopeston Nursing

Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Jehovah's Witnesses c/o Tom Silver, 3501 N 1650 East Road, Alvin, IL. 61811.

LYTLE - Helen J. Lytle, 88, of Hoopeston, died at 10:25 a.m. Monday, May 19, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home.

would require a move, something he does not want to do

See WELLINGTON on other side

Wellington continued from other side

until daughters Michelle, 13 and Sarah, 11, are grown.

The family, including wife, Cathy, will continue to live in Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly cloudy today. High in the mid 60s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High near 65, low near 45.



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